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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, the action having been made final, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice.

Please enter rewritten claim 13 as follows.

13. (Twice Amended) A method for suppression of gene expression in a cell comprising administering to the cell *in vitro* a suppressive-effective amount of the nucleic acid construct of claim 1, whereby expression of the gene is suppressed in the cell.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <b>October 17, 2001</b> , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
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